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Free Community Christmas Concerts Part Of Utah Cultural Celebration Center Winter Season

WHAT: Winter Concert Series

WHEN: December 10; 17 & 19, 2007

All concerts begin at 7 p.m.

WHERE: Utah Cultural Celebration Center

1355 West 3100 South

WHO: EVERYONE is invited to the FREE Winter Christmas concerts.

WHY: The Utah Cultural Celebration Center is proud to announce three community Christmas concerts as

part of its festival winter programming. Bring the family out to the Utah Cultural Celebration Center

and enjoy some great local talent and free hot chocolate!

Dec. 10

Miss Margene's Musical Theater Singers - Community Traditional

This year Margene Conde is celebrating 23 years of teaching young people the art of musical theatre and singing. The project began as a "2 family" musical group of the director's children, and has increased over 17 years to more than 60 members from 5 – 20 years old. Each year the group goes out of the state on tour. Tours include Boston, DC, Hawaii, Canada, US theme parks and the 2002 Olympics. The goal of the group is to build self esteem through performing arts opportunities. The musical theater is directed and choreographed by Margene Conde with musical arrangements by Dr. Gary Jensen

Dec. 17

Beehive Statesmen - Barbershop & Choral

Like jazz, barbershop music is pure Americana – coming straight from the street corners and barbershops of African-American communities at the turn of the 20th century. Directed by Beth Bruce, The Beehive Statesmen continue this American tradition as Utah's premier singing organization. Forming in 1948, The Beehive Statesmen have been bringing their unique style of barbershop blend to appreciative audiences throughout the Wasatch Front for nearly 60 years. This show will be a special Christmas edition. www.beehivestatesmen.org

Bonnie Harris & Friends - Community Traditional

A Utah native, Bonnie has been sharing her vocal talents for a number of years. Her deep, rich and soothing voice has provided comfort and encouragement to many. Bonnie has released four albums entitled: "Songs To Comfort The Heart", If I Had A Wish For Christmas", "A Lullaby To Keep" and "Whispers Of Comfort And Peace". She was a finalist for the 1998 Pearl Award for Female Vocalist of the Year and her lullaby album was a finalist for a 2000 Pearl Award Album of the Year. Bonnie has performed for a number of years in theater, city and county celebrations, concerts, weddings, parties and even state and national conventions. This winter marks the 10th concert she has performed for West Valley City.

For more information about these and other events at the Utah Cultural Celebration Center, visit www.culturalcelebration.org.